Nematic and chiral superconductivity induced by odd-parity fluctuations

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Recent experiments indicate that superconductivity in Bi₂Se₃ intercalated with Cu, Nb, or Sr is nematic with rotational symmetry breaking. Motivated by this observation, we present a model study of nematic and chiral superconductivity induced by odd-parity fluctuations. We show that odd-parity fluctuations in the two-component E_u representation of D_{3d} crystal point group can generate attractive interaction in both the even-parity *s*-wave and odd-parity E_u pairing channels, but repulsive interaction in other odd-parity pairing channels. Coulomb repulsion can suppress *s*-wave pairing relative to E_u pairing, and thus the latter can have a higher critical temperature. E_u pairing has two distinct phases: a nematic phase and a chiral phase, both of which can be realized in our model. When *s*-wave and E_u pairings have similar instability temperature, we find an intermediate phase in which both types of pairing coexist.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The theoretical identification of time-reversal invariant topological insulators [1,2] has sparked a great discovery of topological states in various forms of matter, including insulators [3,4], superconductors [4], and semimetals [5,6]. A topological superconductor is enriched by its intrinsic particle-hole symmetry, which protects zero-energy Majorana modes on boundaries and in vortices [4]. Topological superconductivity is being actively studied in both theory [7–10] and experiment [11,12].

Recent experiments have identified Bi₂Se₃ intercalated with Cu, Nb, or Sr as a candidate system for topological superconductor. Many bulk properties in the superconducting state of doped Bi₂Se₃ display a uniaxial anisotropy in response to an in-plane magnetic field, which include Knight shift [13], upper critical field [14,15], magnetic torque [16], and specific heat [14]. Therefore, the superconducting state breaks the lattice discrete rotational symmetry, and can be termed as *nematic*. Specific heat [17] and penetration depth measurement [18] have shown the absence of line nodes in the superconducting state. Given these experimental observations, the nematic state is most consistent with an E_u pairing channel that has two components and odd-parity symmetry [19]. Here E_u is one of the symmetry representations allowed by the D_{3d} point group of Bi₂Se₃. The odd-parity nematic state can be a fully gapped time-reversal-invariant topological superconductor [19]. So far, experimental evidence of surface Majorana states associated with topological superconductivity has been not conclusive [20,21]. On the theoretical side, different aspects of the nematic states have been explored, including bulk properties [22–24], surface states [25], vortex states [26,27], and the interplay between E_u superconductivity and magnetism [28,29].

The basic question, which remains largely open [30,31], is the underlying microscopic mechanism for the odd-parity nematic superconductivity in doped Bi₂Se₃. In the pioneering work of Fu and Berg [32], they demonstrated that pairing instability in the odd-parity channels can be generated by a simple type of attractive interaction in doped Bi_2Se_3 . However, the odd-parity A_{1u} pairing channel has a higher critical temperature than the E_u pairing channel in their model.

Odd-parity pairing can be induced by magnetic fluctuations, as in the case of superfluid Helium-3 [33] and in strongly correlated materials like Sr_2RuO_4 [34] and UPt₃ [35]. It has recently been proposed that odd-parity pairing can also be induced by odd-parity fluctuations in a system with strong spin-orbit coupling, time-reversal, and inversion symmetries [36–38]. As doped Bi₂Se₃ is likely a weakly correlated material, we study superconductivity induced by odd-parity fluctuations in this paper.

In Ref. [36], Kozii and Fu have studied the most symmetric group O(3) in three dimensions and found that odd-parity fluctuation in pseudoscalar and vector representations generate attractive interaction in both conventional even-parity swave pairing channel and odd-parity pairing channels, while fluctuation in the multipolar channel only generates attractive interaction in the s-wave channel. Our work builds upon Ref. [36]. We apply a similar approach to doped Bi₂Se₃ which has a D_{3d} point group symmetry. Symmetry classifications of odd-parity fluctuations for O(3) and D_{3d} groups are different. Our main results can be summarized as follows. Odd-parity fluctuations in the E_{μ} representation of the D_{3d} point group can induce attractive interaction in both the s-wave and odd-parity E_u pairing channels, but *repulsive* interaction in the other two odd-parity A_{1u} and A_{2u} pairing channels. The competition between s-wave and E_u pairings can be further tuned by Coulomb repulsion, which has the strongest pair-breaking effect in the *s*-wave channel.

The organization of this paper is the following. In Sec. II, we study odd-parity fluctuations and superconductivity. The fluctuations are possibly induced by electron-phonon interaction. We use an approach that closely follows that in Ref. [36]. Essential details of the approach will be presented to make the discussion self-contained. We obtain a phase diagram (Fig. 1) as a function of phenomenological parameters γ_i (i = 1,2,3) and U. γ_i , introduced in Eq. (5), parametrize odd-parity particle-hole fluctuations in E_u representation. U is the repulsive interaction in the *s*-wave pairing channel, which can arise from Coulomb repulsion. There is a critical U_c , above

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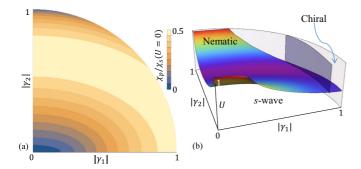


FIG. 1. (a) $\chi_p(T)/\chi_s(T)$ at U = 0 as a function of γ_1 and γ_2 . (b) The surface with rainbow color represents U_c at which $\chi_p(T) = \chi_s(T)$. The odd-parity E_u superconductivity supports two different phases: nematic and chiral, which are separated by the gray boundaries. In (a) and (b), we used the normalization $\gamma_1^2 + \gamma_2^2 + \gamma_3^2 = 1$ without loss of generality. Therefore, $\gamma_1^2 + \gamma_2^2 \leq 1$.

which E_u pairing has a higher critical temperature compared to the s-wave pairing. E_u superconductivity supports two distinct phases [39]: nematic and chiral, both of which can be realized in the parameter space of γ_i . In Sec. III, we study a phase in the vicinity of U_c , where even-parity swave and odd-parity E_u pairing can coexist. The coexistence phase spontaneously breaks both time-reversal and lattice discrete rotational symmetries. The gap structures in different superconductivity phases are reviewed. In Sec. IV, we discuss our work in the context of previous studies. We present some related materials in the Appendixes. Appendix A shows that an on-site repulsion in Bi2Se3 generates repulsive interaction in both s-wave and A_{2u} pairing channels, but not in the E_u channel. In Appendixes B and C, we show that odd-parity fluctuations in A_{1u} (A_{2u}) representation can generate A_{1u} (A_{2u}) Cooper pairing besides the usual *s*-wave pairing.

Before ending the Introduction section, we mention that odd-parity particle-hole fluctuations can become unstable and lead to spontaneous parity-breaking phases [40], which have been recently observed in $Cd_2Re_2O_7$ [41].

II. TWO-COMPONENT ODD-PARITY FLUCTUATION AND SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

Electronic bands in Bi_2Se_3 are doubly degenerate at every k point due to the presence of both time-reversal and inversion symmetries. When Bi_2Se_3 is intercalated with Cu, Nb, or Sr, the chemical potential lies in the conduction bands. As attractive interaction induced by fluctuations typically occurs in a small energy window around chemical potential, we will only retain the lowest conduction bands in our theory. The Fermi surface of Bi_2Se_3 at low electron doping level is approximately spherical [42,43]. Therefore, we approximate the conduction band by a parabolic dispersion:

$$H_0 = \sum_{k} \left(\frac{\hbar k^2}{2m} - \mu \right) c_k^{\dagger} c_k, \tag{1}$$

which is intended to describe physics near the chemical potential μ . c_k^{\dagger} represents a two-component spinor $(c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger}, c_{k\downarrow}^{\dagger})$, which is understood to be in the "manifestly covariant Bloch basis" (MCBB) [40]. Here \uparrow and \downarrow represent pseudospin

TABLE I. Linear order expansion of odd-parity form factors in different symmetry representations of D_{3d} point group [39]. A_{1u} and E_u representations have multiple basis functions in lowest order expansion. \hat{k}_i denotes $k_i/|\mathbf{k}|$.

Symmetry	Form factors
A_{1u}	$\Gamma_1^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{k}_x s_x + \hat{k}_y s_y), \Gamma_1^{(2)} = \hat{k}_z s_z$
A_{2u}	$\Gamma_2^{(1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{k}_x s_y - \hat{k}_y s_x)$
E_u	$ \Gamma_x^{(1)} = \hat{k}_x s_z, \Gamma_x^{(2)} = \hat{k}_z s_x, \Gamma_x^{(3)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{k}_x s_y + \hat{k}_y s_x) \Gamma_y^{(1)} = \hat{k}_y s_z, \Gamma_y^{(2)} = \hat{k}_z s_y, \Gamma_y^{(3)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{k}_x s_x - \hat{k}_y s_y) $

instead of real spin because of strong spin-orbit coupling. Nevertheless, the pseudospin in the MCBB transforms in the same way as the real spin of a free electron under symmetry operations. In particular, the transformations under time-reversal (\hat{T}) and inversion $(\hat{\mathcal{P}})$ operations are

$$\hat{T}c^{\dagger}_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha}\hat{T}^{-1} = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}c^{\dagger}_{-\boldsymbol{k}\beta}, \quad \hat{\mathcal{P}}c^{\dagger}_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha}\hat{\mathcal{P}}^{-1} = c^{\dagger}_{-\boldsymbol{k}\alpha}, \qquad (2)$$

where $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}$ is the fully antisymmetric tensor with $\epsilon_{\uparrow\downarrow} = 1$.

To study electron-phonon interaction, we focus on phonons at the Brillouin zone center, which can be classified by the D_{3d} point group of Bi₂Se₃. To be specific, we consider E_u phonons that are *odd* under inversion and have two degenerate modes. The coupling between electrons and E_u phonons can be expressed as

$$H_{el-ph,0} = \phi_x \hat{Q}_x + \phi_y \hat{Q}_y, \hat{Q}_a = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k} c_k^{\dagger} \Gamma_a(k) c_k, \quad (3)$$

where the Hermitian operators (ϕ_x, ϕ_y) represent the E_u phonons, and also take into account all coupling constants. $\Gamma_{x,y}(\mathbf{k})$ are 2 × 2 matrices in the pseudospin space. As $H_{el-ph,0}$ should be invariant under all symmetries that the system has, the operators $\hat{Q}_{x,y}$ are Hermitian, time reversal symmetric, and form a two-component E_u representation. By Hermiticity, we can express $\Gamma_{x,y}(\mathbf{k})$ using identity matrix s_0 and Pauli matrices s:

$$\Gamma_a(\mathbf{k}) = \tilde{D}_a(\mathbf{k})s_0 + \mathbf{D}_a(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{s}, \qquad (4)$$

where both the scalar \tilde{D}_a and the vector D_a are real. By time-reversal symmetry, we require $\tilde{D}_a(\mathbf{k}) = \tilde{D}_a(-\mathbf{k})$ and $D_a(\mathbf{k}) = -D_a(-\mathbf{k})$. On the other hand, \hat{Q}_a is odd under inversion, which leads to $\Gamma_a(\mathbf{k}) = -\Gamma_a(-\mathbf{k})$. Therefore, $\tilde{D}_a(\mathbf{k})$ must vanish. In our low-energy theory, odd-parity phonons couple to electron's spin, which is possible due to the presence of strong spin-orbit coupling.

The form factors $\Gamma_{x,y}(\mathbf{k})$ are further restricted by other point group symmetries. There are three basis functions separately for Γ_x and Γ_y to first order of \mathbf{k} in the E_u representation, as listed in Table I. In general, $\Gamma_{x,y}(\mathbf{k})$ is a linear combination of these three basis functions:

$$\Gamma_a(\boldsymbol{k}) = \gamma_1 \Gamma_a^{(1)}(\boldsymbol{k}) + \gamma_2 \Gamma_a^{(2)}(\boldsymbol{k}) + \gamma_3 \Gamma_a^{(3)}(\boldsymbol{k}), \qquad (5)$$

where γ_i are real parameters that are not fixed by symmetries. We will take γ_i as free parameters and study phase diagrams in this parameter space.

 $H_{el-ph,0}$ describes the coupling between electrons and zone-center phonon modes. We generalize the coupling to include phonon modes at finite momentum:

$$H_{el-ph} = \sum_{\boldsymbol{q}} \phi_{x,\boldsymbol{q}} \hat{Q}_{x}(\boldsymbol{q}) + \phi_{y,\boldsymbol{q}} \hat{Q}_{y}(\boldsymbol{q}),$$
$$\hat{Q}_{a}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k}} c_{\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{q}}^{\dagger} [\Gamma_{a}(\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{q}) + \Gamma_{a}(\boldsymbol{k})] c_{\boldsymbol{k}}.$$
(6)

In the generalization, we assume that the phonon modes vary smoothly in real space.

The electron-phonon coupling generates an effective electron-electron interaction:

where Ω is the system size. By the definition in (6), we have $\hat{Q}_a(-\boldsymbol{q}) = \hat{Q}_a^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{q}).$

In H_{int} , we neglect the frequency dependence of V_q for simplicity. The point group symmetries put constraints on the momentum dependence of V_q : (1) V_q is an even function of qand (2) it is invariant under a threefold rotation of q along \hat{z} direction.

We now restrict the interaction to the Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (BCS) channel:

$$H_{\rm BCS} = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k}, \boldsymbol{k}'} V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(\boldsymbol{k}, \boldsymbol{k}') c^{\dagger}_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{-\boldsymbol{k}\beta} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}'\gamma} c_{\boldsymbol{k}'\delta}.$$
(8)

The expression for the interaction vertex $V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}')$ is given by

$$H_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{\boldsymbol{q}} V_{\boldsymbol{q}} [\hat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\boldsymbol{x}}(\boldsymbol{q}) \hat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\boldsymbol{x}}(-\boldsymbol{q}) + \hat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\boldsymbol{y}}(\boldsymbol{q}) \hat{\mathcal{Q}}_{\boldsymbol{y}}(-\boldsymbol{q})], \quad (7) \qquad \text{The expression for the interaction vertex } V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') \text{ is given by}$$

$$V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') = -\frac{1}{8} \sum_{a=x,y} \{V_{\boldsymbol{k}-\boldsymbol{k}'}[\boldsymbol{D}_{a} + \boldsymbol{D}'_{a}] \cdot \boldsymbol{s}_{\alpha\delta}[\boldsymbol{D}_{a} + \boldsymbol{D}'_{a}] \cdot \boldsymbol{s}_{\beta\gamma} - V_{\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{k}'}[\boldsymbol{D}_{a} - \boldsymbol{D}'_{a}] \cdot \boldsymbol{s}_{\alpha\gamma}[\boldsymbol{D}_{a} - \boldsymbol{D}'_{a}] \cdot \boldsymbol{s}_{\beta\delta}\}, \quad (9)$$

where D_a and D'_a are respectively shorthand notations for $D_a(k)$ and $D_a(k')$. Here $D_a(k)$ is the vector representation of $\Gamma_a(k)$, as introduced in (4).

To minimize the number of parameters in our phenomenogical study, we further approximate V_q by its value at zero momentum V_0 . Here $V_0 < 0$, representing attractive interaction induced by phonon fluctuations. Under this simplification, it is convenient to separate $V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$ to two parts: $V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = (V^e + V^o)_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$. The expressions for $V^{e,o}$ are as follows:

$$V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{e}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') \approx -\frac{V_{0}}{8} \sum_{a=x,y} \{ (\boldsymbol{D}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\alpha\delta} (\boldsymbol{D}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\beta\gamma} - (\boldsymbol{D}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\alpha\gamma} (\boldsymbol{D}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\beta\delta} + (\boldsymbol{D}_{a}' \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\alpha\delta} (\boldsymbol{D}_{a}' \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\beta\gamma} - (\boldsymbol{D}_{a}' \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\alpha\gamma} (\boldsymbol{D}_{a}' \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\beta\delta} \}$$

$$= \frac{V_{0}}{8} \sum_{a=x,y} (|\boldsymbol{D}_{a}|^{2} + |\boldsymbol{D}_{a}'|^{2}) \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \epsilon_{\gamma\delta}^{\dagger},$$

$$V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{o}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') \approx -\frac{V_{0}}{8} \sum_{a=x,y} \{ (\boldsymbol{D}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\alpha\delta} (\boldsymbol{D}_{a}' \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\beta\gamma} + (\boldsymbol{D}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\alpha\gamma} (\boldsymbol{D}_{a}' \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\beta\delta} + (\boldsymbol{D}_{a}' \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\alpha\delta} (\boldsymbol{D}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\beta\gamma} + (\boldsymbol{D}_{a}' \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\alpha\gamma} (\boldsymbol{D}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{s})_{\beta\delta} \}$$

$$= \frac{V_{0}}{4} \sum_{a=x,y} \{ [(\boldsymbol{D}_{a} \cdot \boldsymbol{s})\epsilon]_{\alpha\beta} [(\boldsymbol{D}_{a}' \cdot \boldsymbol{s})\epsilon]_{\gamma\delta}^{\dagger} - [(\boldsymbol{D}_{a} \times \boldsymbol{s})\epsilon]_{\alpha\beta} \cdot [(\boldsymbol{D}_{a}' \times \boldsymbol{s})\epsilon]_{\gamma\delta}^{\dagger} \}.$$

$$(10)$$

Here V^e and V^o are respectively even and odd functions of k and k', and, therefore, generate correspondingly even- and odd-parity pairings. In (10), the final expressions of $V^{e,o}$ are presented in a form that is suitable for BCS decomposition. In the following subsections II A and II B, we study the pairing instabilities in even- and odd-parity channels separately and finally compare them.

A. Even-parity instability

Even-parity pairing, or typically named as s-wave pairing, is induced by V^e . As we will discuss in the subsection II B, the effective interaction H_{int} (7) always generates a larger instability in s-wave channel compared to odd-parity channels. To study competition between even- and odd-parity pairings, we add a repulsive interaction to V^e :

$$H_{e} = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}'} \left[V_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}^{e}(\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}') + \frac{U|V_{0}|}{4} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} \epsilon_{\gamma\delta}^{\dagger} \right] c_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}\beta}^{\dagger} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}'\gamma} c_{\boldsymbol{k}'\delta}$$
$$= \frac{V_{0}}{\Omega} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}'} [g_{0}(\boldsymbol{k}) + g_{0}(\boldsymbol{k}')] \left[\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} c_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}\beta}^{\dagger} \right] \left[\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\gamma\delta}^{\dagger} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}'\gamma} c_{\boldsymbol{k}'\delta} \right],$$
(11)

where U > 0 characterizes the repulsive interaction and $g_0(\mathbf{k}) = (|\mathbf{D}_x(\mathbf{k})|^2 + |\mathbf{D}_y(\mathbf{k})|^2 - U)/2$. For reasons to become clear shortly, we make the following transformation:

$$g_{0}(\boldsymbol{k}) + g_{0}(\boldsymbol{k}') = \frac{1}{2\kappa} [g_{+}(\boldsymbol{k})g_{+}(\boldsymbol{k}') - g_{-}(\boldsymbol{k})g_{-}(\boldsymbol{k}')],$$

$$g_{\pm}(\boldsymbol{k}) = g_{0}(\boldsymbol{k}) \pm \kappa,$$
(12)

where κ is a positive parameter. We choose κ such that

$$\langle g_+(\boldsymbol{k})g_-(\boldsymbol{k})\rangle = 0, \tag{13}$$

where $\langle \ldots \rangle$ denotes an average over Fermi surface, normalized so $\langle 1 \rangle = 1$. Using (12), H_e can be decomposed into two channels:

$$H_e = \frac{V_0}{2\kappa\Omega} (S_{\pm}^{\dagger}S_{\pm} - S_{\pm}^{\dagger}S_{-}),$$

$$S_{\pm}^{\dagger} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha\beta} g_{\pm}(\boldsymbol{k}) \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} c_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}\beta}^{\dagger}.$$
(14)

Because $g_{+}(k)$ and $g_{-}(k)$ are orthogonal over the Fermi surface as required by (13), the attractive and repulsive channels respectively represented by S^{\dagger}_{\pm} and S^{\dagger}_{\pm} are decoupled in the linearized gap equation. Therefore, we only consider S_{+}^{\dagger} in the following. The critical temperature $T_{c,s}$ for S_{+}^{\dagger} channel is determined by its linearized gap equation:

$$|V_0|\chi_s(T_{c,s}) = 1,$$

$$\chi_s(T) = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[g_+(k)s_0]^2 \right\rangle \chi_0(T).$$
(15)

Here χ_0 is the standard superconductivity susceptibility: $\chi_0(T) = N(0) \int_{-\omega_D}^{\omega_D} d\varepsilon \tanh[\varepsilon/(2T)]/(2\varepsilon)$, where N(0) is the density of states at the Fermi energy, ω_D is the cutoff energy for attractive interaction, and *T* is the temperature.

B. Odd-parity instability

We turn to the V^o interaction:

$$H_o = \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k}, \boldsymbol{k}'} V^o_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}(\boldsymbol{k}, \boldsymbol{k}') c^{\dagger}_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha} c^{\dagger}_{-\boldsymbol{k}\beta} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}'\gamma} c_{\boldsymbol{k}'\delta}.$$
(16)

We will decompose H_o into different odd-parity pairing channels, which are classified into different representation of the point group and generally take the form

$$\hat{F}_{a}^{(i)\dagger} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k},\alpha\beta} c_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} \big[\Gamma_{a}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{k}) \epsilon \big]_{\alpha\beta} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}\beta}^{\dagger}.$$
(17)

The form factor Γ_a can be classified in the same way as those used in the particle-hole channel, which are listed in Table I. We use subscript a = 1 and 2 to stand for A_{1u} and A_{2u} representation, respectively, and a = x and y to denote the two components in E_u representation. The superscript *i* enumerates different basis functions within the same representation.

 H_o decomposed in terms of $\hat{F}_a^{(i)\dagger}$ has the form

$$H_{o} = \frac{V_{0}}{\Omega} \Biggl\{ - (\gamma_{1}\hat{F}_{1}^{(1)} - \sqrt{2}\gamma_{2}\hat{F}_{1}^{(2)})^{\dagger} (\gamma_{1}\hat{F}_{1}^{(1)} - \sqrt{2}\gamma_{2}\hat{F}_{1}^{(2)}) - \gamma_{1}^{2}\hat{F}_{2}^{(1)\dagger}\hat{F}_{2}^{(1)} + \sum_{a=x,y}\sum_{i,j}\hat{F}_{a}^{(i)\dagger}\mathcal{W}_{ij}\hat{F}_{a}^{(j)}\Biggr\},$$
(18)

where the coefficient matrix W is symmetric and real:

$$\mathcal{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1^2 - \gamma_3^2 & \gamma_1 \gamma_2 & 2\gamma_1 \gamma_3 \\ \gamma_1 \gamma_2 & 0 & 2\gamma_2 \gamma_3 \\ 2\gamma_1 \gamma_3 & 2\gamma_2 \gamma_3 & -\gamma_1^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (19)

Because $V_0 < 0$, the interaction is repulsive for A_{1u} and A_{2u} pairing channels in H_o so there is no superconductivity instability in these two channels.

We diagonalize the matrix W to decompose the E_u channels:

$$\sum_{i,j} \hat{F}_{a}^{(i)\dagger} \mathcal{W}_{ij} \hat{F}_{a}^{(j)} = \sum_{\nu=1}^{3} w_{\nu} \bigg[\sum_{i} \lambda_{i}^{(\nu)} \hat{F}_{a}^{(i)} \bigg]^{\dagger} \bigg[\sum_{j} \lambda_{j}^{(\nu)} \hat{F}_{a}^{(j)} \bigg],$$
(20)

where w_{ν} represents the ν th *largest* eigenvalue of \mathcal{W} and $(\lambda_1^{(\nu)}, \lambda_2^{(\nu)}, \lambda_3^{(\nu)})$ is the corresponding normalized eigenvector. We find that $w_1 \ge 0$ and $w_{2,3} \le 0$. w_1 is generically positive, and it is zero only when $\gamma_{1,2} = 0$ or $\gamma_{1,3} = 0$. Therefore, there is generally one attractive E_u pairing channel and two

repulsive E_u channels. Furthermore, the three E_u channels are decoupled in the linearized gap equation because (1) different eigenvectors of W are orthogonal and (2) different form factors are orthogonal over the Fermi surface and have the same normalization for the Fermi surface average:

$$\left\langle \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \left[\Gamma_{a}^{(i)}(\boldsymbol{k}) \Gamma_{a'}^{(i')}(\boldsymbol{k}) \right] \right\rangle = \frac{1}{3} \delta_{aa'} \delta_{ii'}.$$
 (21)

We focus on the attractive E_u channel as summarized in the following:

$$\tilde{H}_{o} = \frac{w_{1}V_{0}}{\Omega} (\Lambda_{x}^{\dagger}\Lambda_{x} + \Lambda_{y}^{\dagger}\Lambda_{y}),$$

$$\Lambda_{a}^{\dagger} = \sum_{i} \lambda_{i}^{(1)}\hat{F}_{a}^{(i)\dagger} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k},\alpha\beta} c_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} [g_{a}(\boldsymbol{k})\epsilon]_{\alpha\beta} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}\beta}^{\dagger}, \qquad (22)$$

where we have introduced matrices $g_{x,y}$ that are defined as $g_a(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_i \lambda_i^{(1)} \Gamma_a^{(i)}$. The corresponding linearized gap equation is

$$|V_0|\chi_p(T_{c,p}) = 1,$$

$$\chi_p(T) = w_1 \langle \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[g_x(\mathbf{k})]^2 \rangle \chi_0(T) = \frac{w_1}{3} \chi_0(T), \quad (23)$$

where $T_{c,p}$ is the critical temperature for the E_u channel. $\chi_p(T)$ remains the same if $g_x(\mathbf{k})$ is replaced by $g_y(\mathbf{k})$ in its expression, which is a result of the discrete lattice rotational symmetry.

As a summary, the E_u phonon generates superconductivity instability in both *s*-wave channel and E_u channel. We find that $\chi_p(T)$ is always weaker compared to $\chi_s(T)$ when U = 0[Fig. 1(a)], which means *s* wave has higher critical temperature in this case. Nevertheless, $\chi_p(T)$ can reach about $0.5\chi_s(T)$ in a large parameter space of γ_i , indicating that the E_u pairing instability can be strong. As *U* increases, $\chi_s(T)$ decreases while $\chi_p(T)$ does not change. We can define a critical U_c at which $\chi_p(T) = \chi_s(T)$. The *s*-wave and odd-parity E_u superconductivity have larger instability temperature below and above U_c , respectively. The phase diagram as a function of *U* and γ_i is summarized in Fig. 1(b).

We note that other phonon modes, which are not included in our model, generally produce attractive interaction in *s*-wave channel, but not necessarily in E_u channel. Some particular phonon modes, for example, A_{2u} modes discussed in Appendix C, can even have pair-breaking effects for E_u channel. Therefore, the value of U_c obtained from our model should be viewed as a lower bound of the critical repulsive interaction.

Assuming $U > U_c$, the E_u superconductivity pairing is realized below $T_{c,p}$. As a two-component superconductivity, E_u pairing generally has two forms: nematic and chiral. To determine which one is realized, we study the Ginzburg-Landau free energy up to fourth order in the E_u pairing order parameter (η_x, η_y) :

$$\mathcal{F}_{p} = r_{1}(|\eta_{x}|^{2} + |\eta_{y}|^{2}) + b_{1}(|\eta_{x}|^{2} + |\eta_{y}|^{2})^{2} + b_{2}|\eta_{x}^{2} + \eta_{y}^{2}|^{2},$$
(24)

where the parameters r_1 and $b_{1,2}$ can be fully determined by the interaction \tilde{H}_o under the weak-coupling analysis:

$$r_{1} = \frac{1}{w_{1}|V_{0}|} (1 - |V_{0}|\chi_{p}), \quad b_{1} = \langle \operatorname{Tr} \left[g_{x}^{2}(\boldsymbol{k}) g_{y}^{2}(\boldsymbol{k}) \right] \rangle \beta_{0},$$

$$b_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \langle \operatorname{Tr} \left[g_{x}(\boldsymbol{k}) g_{y}(\boldsymbol{k}) \right]^{2} \rangle \beta_{0}, \qquad (25)$$

where $\beta_0 = 7\zeta(3)N(0)/(16\pi^2 T^2)$ and $\zeta(x)$ is the Riemann zeta function. Here b_1 is always positive, but the sign of b_2 can vary as a function of γ_i . When $b_2 < 0$, a nematic state with real order parameter $(\eta_x, \eta_y) \propto (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$ is favored. Here the angle θ characterizes the nematic direction, and its value is arbitrary for the free energy \mathcal{F}_p that only includes terms up to fourth order. For the case of $b_2 > 0$, a chiral state with complex order parameter $(\eta_x, \eta_y) \propto (1, \pm i)$ is favored. The nematic and chiral states respectively break the lattice rotational symmetry and time-reversal symmetry. The phase boundary $(b_2 = 0)$ between the nematic and chiral states is shown in Fig. 1(b), indicating a large parameter space in which nematic state is more favorable. It is intriguing that phononic mechanism can induce time-reversal-breaking chiral superconductivity. The competition between nematic and chiral states has been studied as a function of $\lambda_i^{(1)}$ in Ref. [39]. Our work reveals that $\lambda_i^{(1)}$ can be derived from parameters γ_i , the latter of which could be extracted from ab initio study of electron-phonon interactions.

III. COEXISTENCE OF EVEN-AND ODD-PARITY SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

At $U = U_c$, the *s*-wave and E_u channel have the same critical temperature $T_{c,s} = T_{c,p} = T_c^*$. To pin down the nature of the superconductivity below T_c^* , we study the Ginzburg-Landau free energy that includes both *s*-wave and E_u pairing order parameters:

$$\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_s + \mathcal{F}_p + \mathcal{F}_{sp}, \quad \mathcal{F}_s = r_0 |\eta_s|^2 + b_0 |\eta_s|^4,$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{sp} = b_3 \{ 4(|\eta_x|^2 + |\eta_y|^2) |\eta_s|^2 + [(\eta_x^2 + \eta_y^2) \eta_s^{*2} + \text{c.c.}] \}, \quad (26)$$

where \mathcal{F}_s is the free energy for *s*-wave pairing characterized by the order parameter η_s , \mathcal{F}_p is give in (24), and \mathcal{F}_{sp} describes the coupling between *s*-wave and E_u pairings. Parameters in the free energy are again obtained using weak-coupling analysis: $r_0 = 2\kappa (1 - |V_0|\chi_s)/|V_0|$, $b_0 = \frac{1}{2} \langle \text{Tr}[g_0(\mathbf{k})s_0]^4 \rangle \beta_0$, and $b_3 = \frac{1}{2} \langle \text{Tr}[g_x^2(\mathbf{k})g_0^2(\mathbf{k})] \rangle \beta_0$. Here b_0 and b_3 are always positive.

To minimize \mathcal{F} below T_c^* at $U = U_c$, it is most instructive to consider the case $b_2 < 0$. \mathcal{F} is then minimized by a state where the *s*-wave and nematic superconductivity coexist and have a relative phase difference $\pm \pi/2$, i.e., $\eta_s = \pm i |\eta_s|$ and $(\eta_x, \eta_y) = |\eta_p|(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$. $|\eta_s|$ and $|\eta_p|$ are given by

$$|\eta_s|^2 = \frac{-r_0(b_1 + b_2) + r_1b_3}{2[b_0(b_1 + b_2) - b_3^2]},$$

$$|\eta_p|^2 = \frac{-r_1b_0 + r_0b_3}{2[b_0(b_1 + b_2) - b_3^2]}.$$
 (27)

The coexistence of the two superconductivity order parameters requires the expressions for $|\eta_s|^2$ and $|\eta_p|^2$ in (27) to be positive, which we find to be generally satisfied in the γ_i parameter space.

When U is away from U_c , the coexistence state can still develop, but at a temperature lower than $T_{c,s}$ when $U < U_c$ or $T_{c,p}$ when $U > U_c$. The schematic phase diagram as a function of U and T is shown in Fig. 2. This coexistence phase not only breaks lattice discrete rotational symmetry because of the presence of nematic order parameter, but also breaks timereversal symmetry because of the relative phase difference $\pm \pi/2$ between the even- and odd-parity order parameters.

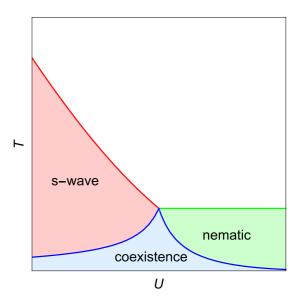


FIG. 2. Schematic phase diagram as a function of repulsive interaction U (*s*-wave channel) and temperature T. In the vicinity of U_c where *s*-wave and nematic superconductivity have the same instability temperature, there is a phase where both types of superconductivity coexist with a relative phase difference $\pm \pi/2$.

In the case of $b_2 > 0$, there can also be an intermediate phase between *s*-wave and chiral phases in the vicinity of U_c . This intermediate phase is characterized by nonzero order parameters (η_s, η_+, η_-) , where $\eta_{\pm} = \eta_x \pm i \eta_y$. $|\eta_+|$ and $|\eta_-|$ are generally unequal so both time-reversal and discrete rotational symmetries are also broken.

We now discuss gap structures in different phases. In the *s*-wave phase, the superconductivity gap is proportional to $g_+(\mathbf{k})$ on the Fermi surface, which is fully gapped for weak repulsion U.

To study gap structure in the nematic phase, we express $g_a(\mathbf{k})$ for a = x and y in terms of a vector:

$$g_a(\mathbf{k}) = \mathbf{d}_a(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{s}. \tag{28}$$

For order parameter (η_x, η_y) given by $|\eta_p|(\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$, the gap is proportional to |d| on the Fermi surface, where the vector dis defined as $\cos\theta d_x + \sin\theta d_y$. |d| is finite everywhere on the Fermi surface unless $\theta = n\pi/3$ (integer *n* takes value from 0) to 5). The nematic phase realizes a fully gapped topological superconductor when $\theta \neq n\pi/3$, as it has odd-parity pairing and the Fermi surface encloses only one time-reversal invariant momentum [32]. A hallmark of a time-reversal invariant topological superconductor is that it supports Majorana modes bound to surfaces and time-reversal-invariant vortex defects [8,26]. When $\theta = n\pi/3$, the nematic pairing preserves one of the mirror symmetries and the gap vanishes at two opposite momenta located on the corresponding mirror-invariant plane in the Brillouin zone [19]. Therefore, the nematic phase with $\theta = n\pi/3$ realizes a topological Dirac superconductor with Dirac point nodes in the bulk and Majorana arcs on certain surfaces [25].

In the coexistence phase where s-wave and nematic order parameter has a phase difference $\pm \pi/2$, the Bogoliubov–de Gennes Hamiltonian is

$$\mathcal{H}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \varepsilon_0(\boldsymbol{k})\tau_z + |\eta_p|[\boldsymbol{d}(\boldsymbol{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{s}]\tau_x + |\eta_s|g_+(\boldsymbol{k})\tau_y, \qquad (29)$$

which is expressed in the basis $(c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger}, c_{k\downarrow}^{\dagger}, c_{-k\downarrow}, -c_{-k\uparrow})$. $\varepsilon_0(\mathbf{k}) = \hbar^2 \mathbf{k}^2 / (2m) - \mu$ and $\tau_{x,y,z}$ are Pauli matrices in the Nambu space. Here $|\eta_p|$ and $|\eta_s|$ are respectively coupled to τ_x and τ_y , reflecting the $\pi/2$ phase difference. The energy spectrum of $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k})$ is $\pm \sqrt{\varepsilon_0(\mathbf{k})^2 + |\eta_p|^2 |\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{k})|^2 + |\eta_s|^2 g_+(\mathbf{k})^2}$, which is fully gapped for any value of θ . The surface Majorana zero modes presented in the nematic phase also become gapped in the coexistence phase because of broken time-reversal symmetry. Such a state represents a superconducting analog of an axion insulator [44], and can have thermal Hall effect on the surface. Similar phase with coexistence of even- and odd-parity pairing have been studied in Ref. [45] and recently in Ref. [46]. A distinct feature of the coexistence phase that we obtain is that it spontaneously breaks discrete rotational symmetry besides time-reversal symmetry. We also note an additional symmetry breaking in the coexistence phase. In (29), $\mathcal{H}(k)$ satisfies an inversion symmetry $\mathcal{H}(k) = \mathcal{H}(-k)$ when $|\eta_p| = 0$, or an inversion-gauge symmetry $\tau_z \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{k})\tau_z =$ $\mathcal{H}(-\mathbf{k})$ when $|\eta_s| = 0$. In the coexistence phase, neither the inversion nor inversion-gauge symmetry remains.

The chiral phase characterized by $(\eta_x, \eta_y) \propto (1, \pm i)$ realizes a topological Weyl superconductor with bulk Weyl point nodes. The nodal structure has been extensively discussed in Refs. [39,47]. When there is some mixing between *s*-wave and chiral superconductivity near U_c , the Weyl points remain robust unless two Weyl points with opposite chiralities meet and annihilate each other.

IV. DISCUSSION

We discuss connections between our work and previous studies. Reference [48] reached a general conclusion that pure electron-phonon interaction in a system with timereversal and inversion symmetries can generate odd-parity superconductivity, but its instability temperature cannot be larger than that of the s-wave superconductivity. Our results are consistent with this general statement, and we also show that local Coulomb repulsion can tip the balance in favor of odd-parity pairing. In Ref. [49], Wan and Savrasov presented a first principle study of phonon mediated superconductivity in Cu doped Bi₂Se₃. Encouragingly, they found that pure electron-phonon interaction does generate odd-parity pairings in both E_u and A_{2u} channels besides the usual even-parity channel. Their calculation indicated that the phonon-mediated instability is stronger in A_{2u} channel compared to E_u channel. In Appendix A, we show that an on-site repulsive interaction in Bi₂Se₃ generates repulsion in both the s-wave channel and A_{2u} channel, but not in E_u channel. In general a finite-range repulsive interaction could also suppress E_u pairing [32]. However, the on-site interaction presumably leads to the most dominant repulsion, which could make E_u pairing more favorable compared to s-wave and A_{2u} pairings. It is interesting to reexamine electron-phonon interaction in metal doped Bi_2Se_3 using *ab initio* calculation. In particular, parameters γ_i , which determine whether nematic or chiral superconductivity is realized in our theory, could be extracted from such a study. In our work, we do not attempt to determine the critical temperature of E_u superconductivity. Such a task requires a detailed knowledge about electron-phonon interaction, which we leave for *ab initio* calculation. The study of Wan and Savrasov [49] has shown that the electron-phonon interaction is capable of producing a critical temperature of 3–5 K in the A_{2u} channel.

In summary, we studied odd-parity fluctuations as a possible mechanism for the nematic superconductivity observed in doped Bi₂Se₃.

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APPENDIX A: ON-SITE REPULSION IN Bi₂Se₃

In this Appendix, we show that an on-site repulsive interaction in Bi_2Se_3 generates repulsive interaction in *s*-wave and A_{2u} pairing channels. We start from a two-orbital $k \cdot p$ model of Bi_2Se_3 :

$$\mathcal{H}_0(\mathbf{k}) = M\sigma_x + v(k_x\tilde{s}_y - k_y\tilde{s}_x)\sigma_z + v_zk_z\sigma_y - \tilde{\mu}, \qquad (A1)$$

where σ_a and \tilde{s}_a are Pauli matrices respectively in the orbital and spin spaces. Here $\tilde{\mu}$ and the chemical potential μ in (1) are related by $\tilde{\mu} = \mu + M$. $\mathcal{H}_0(\mathbf{k})$ is expressed in the basis $d_{\mathbf{k}} = (d_{\mathbf{k},1+}, d_{\mathbf{k},1-}, d_{\mathbf{k},2+}, d_{\mathbf{k},2-})^{\mathrm{T}}$, where the subscript 1 and 2 label the two orbitals and \pm are the spin indices. Here the two orbitals are mainly derived from Se p_z orbitals localized on top and bottom layers of the Bi₂Se₃ unit cell [50]. The two orbitals are interchanged under inversion operation. $\mathcal{H}_0(\mathbf{k})$ has four bands, corresponding to the twofold generate valence bands and another twofold degenerate conduction band near the band gap.

We consider an on-site repulsive interaction within each orbital:

$$H_U = \frac{2U}{\Omega} \sum_{\boldsymbol{p}\boldsymbol{k}\boldsymbol{k}'} \sum_{\sigma=1,2} d^{\dagger}_{\boldsymbol{p}+\boldsymbol{k},\sigma+} d^{\dagger}_{\boldsymbol{p}-\boldsymbol{k},\sigma-} d_{\boldsymbol{p}-\boldsymbol{k}',\sigma-} d_{\boldsymbol{p}+\boldsymbol{k}',\sigma+}.$$
 (A2)

Here \tilde{U} is positive for repulsive interaction. We decompose H_U into BCS channels:

$$H_{U} \approx \frac{\tilde{U}}{\Omega} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}'} \left\{ \left[\sum_{\sigma} d_{\boldsymbol{k},\sigma\uparrow}^{\dagger} d_{-\boldsymbol{k},\sigma\downarrow}^{\dagger} \right] \left[\sum_{\sigma'} d_{-\boldsymbol{k}',\sigma'\downarrow} d_{\boldsymbol{k}',\sigma'\uparrow} \right] + \left[\sum_{\sigma} \sigma_{z}^{(\sigma\sigma)} d_{\boldsymbol{k},\sigma\uparrow}^{\dagger} d_{-\boldsymbol{k},\sigma\downarrow}^{\dagger} \right] \times \left[\sum_{\sigma'} \sigma_{z}^{(\sigma'\sigma')} d_{-\boldsymbol{k}',\sigma'\downarrow} d_{\boldsymbol{k}',\sigma'\uparrow} \right] \right\},$$
(A3)

where the first and second lines respectively represent evenand odd-parity pairing channels. Finally we project them to the conduction bands [39]

$$\sum_{k,\sigma} d^{\dagger}_{k,1\uparrow} d^{\dagger}_{-k,1\downarrow} + d^{\dagger}_{k,2\uparrow} d^{\dagger}_{-k,2\downarrow}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k} \sum_{\alpha\beta} c^{\dagger}_{k\alpha} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} c^{\dagger}_{-k\beta},$$

$$\sum_{k,\sigma} d^{\dagger}_{k,1\uparrow} d^{\dagger}_{-k,1\downarrow} - d^{\dagger}_{k,2\uparrow} d^{\dagger}_{-k,2\downarrow}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k} \sum_{\alpha\beta} c^{\dagger}_{k\alpha} \left[\frac{v}{\tilde{\mu}} (k_x s_y - k_y s_x) \epsilon \right]_{\alpha\beta} c^{\dagger}_{-k\beta}.$$
 (A4)

By looking up Table I, it is clear that the odd-parity pairing in (A4) belongs to A_{2u} representation.

APPENDIX B: ODD-PARITY FLUCTUATION IN A_{1u} REPRESENTATION

In Bi₂Se₃, there is no Brillouin-zone-center phonon mode in A_{1u} representation [51]. Nevertheless, we can still theoretically study superconductivity induced by odd-parity particle-hole fluctuation in A_{1u} representation. The procedure is parallel to that presented in Sec. II. The main difference is the form factor:

$$\Gamma_1(\mathbf{k}) = \gamma_1 \Gamma_1^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}) + \gamma_2 \Gamma_1^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}),$$
(B1)

where $\Gamma_1^{(1)}(\mathbf{k})$ and $\Gamma_1^{(2)}(\mathbf{k})$, given in Table I, are two basis functions in A_{1u} representation up to first order in \mathbf{k} .

The effective interaction induced by A_{1u} fluctuation can again be decomposed into even- and odd-parity pairing channels:

$$H_{e} = \frac{V_{0}}{\Omega} \sum_{\boldsymbol{k},\boldsymbol{k}'} [g_{0}(\boldsymbol{k}) + g_{0}(\boldsymbol{k}')] \left[\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} c_{\boldsymbol{k}\alpha}^{\dagger} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}\beta}^{\dagger} \right] \left[\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\gamma\delta}^{\dagger} c_{-\boldsymbol{k}'\gamma} c_{\boldsymbol{k}'\delta} \right],$$

$$H_{o} = \frac{V_{0}}{\Omega} \left\{ \left(\gamma_{1} \hat{F}_{1}^{(1)} + \gamma_{2} \hat{F}_{1}^{(2)} \right)^{\dagger} \left(\gamma_{1} \hat{F}_{1}^{(1)} + \gamma_{2} \hat{F}_{1}^{(2)} \right) - \gamma_{1}^{2} \hat{F}_{2}^{(1)\dagger} \hat{F}_{2}^{(1)} - \sum_{a=x,y} \left(\frac{\gamma_{1}}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{F}_{a}^{(1)} - \gamma_{2} \hat{F}_{a}^{(2)} \right)^{\dagger} \times \left(\frac{\gamma_{1}}{\sqrt{2}} \hat{F}_{a}^{(1)} - \gamma_{2} \hat{F}_{a}^{(2)} \right) \right\}, \qquad (B2)$$

where H_e describes attractive interaction in even-parity channel, and the form factor is $g_0(\mathbf{k}) = \gamma_1^2 (\hat{k}_x^2 + \hat{k}_y^2)/4 + \gamma_2^2 \hat{k}_z^2/2$, which does not include repulsive interaction in the *s*-wave channel. In H_o of Eq. (B2), A_{1u} pairing channel has attractive

interaction, while the other two odd-parity channels are repulsive.

The critical temperature in the even-parity and odd-parity A_{1u} channels are separately given by the corresponding linearized gap equations:

$$|V_0|\chi_s(T_{c,s}) = 1, \quad |V_0|\chi_p(T_{c,p}) = 1,$$
$$\frac{\chi_s(T)}{\chi_0(T)} = \frac{\gamma_1^2 + \gamma_2^2}{6} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{60} \left(2\gamma_1^4 + 2\gamma_1^2\gamma_2^2 + 3\gamma_2^4\right)},$$
$$\frac{\chi_p(T)}{\chi_0(T)} = \frac{\gamma_1^2 + \gamma_2^2}{3}.$$
(B3)

The ratio χ_p/χ_s takes its minimum value 0.85 when $\gamma_1 = 0$, and its maximum value 1 when $\gamma_1/\gamma_2 = \sqrt{2}$. Therefore, *s*wave and A_{1u} pairings can have the same critical temperature even without considering the repulsive interaction in the *s*wave channel [36,37,46].

APPENDIX C: ODD-PARITY FLUCTUATION IN A_{2u} REPRESENTATION

There are A_{2u} phonon modes at the Brillouin zone center in Bi₂Se₃. The corresponding form factor has only one basis function to linear order in k:

$$\Gamma_2(\mathbf{k}) = \gamma_1 \Gamma_2^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\gamma_1}{\sqrt{2}} (\hat{k}_x s_y - \hat{k}_y s_x).$$
(C1)

In the effective interaction, the even-parity part H_e takes similar form as that in (B2), but the form factor $g_o(\mathbf{k})$ is replaced by $\gamma_1^2(\hat{k}_x^2 + \hat{k}_y^2)/4$. The odd-parity part H_o is given by

$$H_{o} = \frac{\gamma_{1}^{2} V_{0}}{\Omega} \Biggl\{ -\hat{F}_{1}^{(1)\dagger} \hat{F}_{1}^{(1)} + \hat{F}_{2}^{(1)\dagger} \hat{F}_{2}^{(1)} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a=x,y} \hat{F}_{a}^{(1)\dagger} \hat{F}_{a}^{(1)} \Biggr\},$$
(C2)

where only the A_{2u} pairing channel has an attractive interaction.

The linearized gap equations for even-parity and A_{2u} channels are respectively expressed as

$$\gamma_1^2 |V_0| \chi_s(T_{c,s}) = 1, \quad \gamma_1^2 |V_0| \chi_p(T_{c,p}) = 1,$$
$$\frac{\chi_s(T)}{\chi_0(T)} = \frac{1}{6} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{30}}, \quad \frac{\chi_p(T)}{\chi_0(T)} = \frac{1}{3}.$$
(C3)

Here the ratio χ_p/χ_s is about 0.95, indicating that the critical temperature for the two channels can be comparable. For simplicity, the gap equations in (C3) do not include the repulsive interaction discussed in Appendix A.

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